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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for sharing items in a computer system between a sharer and a sharee comprising:

executing on the sharer's computer a query comprising a scope and a criteria;

creating on the sharer's computer a list with a plurality of referenced items based on the results of said query;

defining the contents of one or more virtual folders on the sharer's computer based on the list, the one or more virtual folders configured to be manipulated by an action of at least the sharer, said manipulation is at least one of dragging, copying, and pasting; and

determining a sharing format of the list to be shared to the sharee, wherein the sharing format options include at least a static list and a dynamic list; and

sharing at least a portion of the one or more list-virtual folders with a sharee such that the sharee is provided with access to the referenced items from the sharer's computer.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the list is a static list.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2, wherein when the sharer removes items from the list, the sharee is no longer provided with access to the items.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2, wherein when items are added to the list, the sharee is provided with access to the added items.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the list is a dynamic list with a scope and set of criteria for the referenced items.

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6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein when an item that is on the dynamic list has a property change such that it no longer meets the criteria of the dynamic list, the sharee is no longer provided with access to the item.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein when an item that was not previously on the dynamic list has a property change such that it meets the criteria of the dynamic list, the sharee is provided with access to the item.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein when the sharer is unable to grant access to the sharee for an item, a notification is provided to the sharer.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the sharer is able to limit the type of access that the sharee has to the items.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for sharing items on a computer system comprising:

receiving permission to access a list on the sharer's computer with referenced items, wherein the referenced items are based on the results of a query executed on the sharer's computer, and the list defines the contents of one or more virtual folders on the sharer's computer; and

in response to receiving the permission to access the list, accessing the list and the referenced items that have been determined by the sharer's computer to be shared in a sharing format, the sharing format being one of a static list and a dynamic list; and

wherein the one or more virtual folders are configured to be manipulated by an action of at least the sharer, said manipulation is at least one of dragging, copying, and pasting.

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11. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the list is a static list that is formed as a virtual folder.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein when an item is added or removed from the list, the permission to access the item is correspondingly added or removed.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the list is a dynamic list that is formed as a virtual folder with a set of criteria for the referenced items.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein when items have changes to their properties such that they meet or no longer meet the criteria of the dynamic list, the permission to access the item is correspondingly added or removed.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein when access to an item is unavailable, a notification is provided.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the permission to access the list specifies the type of access that is available for the items.

17. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media for enabling a computer-program segment to communicate with one or more other computer-program segments, said media comprising:

a set of computer-usable instructions that cause a request to provide access to a set of items based on the results of a query executed on the sharer's computer that are referenced in one or more virtual folders on the sharer's computer to be communicated to one or more other computer-program segments capable of executing said request; and

wherein the one or more virtual folders are configured to be manipulated by an action of at least the sharer, said manipulation is at least one of dragging, copying, and pasting, said

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referenced items are determined by the sharer's computer to be shared in a sharing format, the sharing format being one of a static list format and a dynamic list format.

18. (Original) The media of Claim 17, wherein the virtual folder comprises a static list.

19. (Previously Presented) The media of Claim 18, wherein when items are added or removed from the list, permission for the access of the items is correspondingly added or removed.

20. (Original) The media of Claim 17, wherein the virtual folder comprises a dynamic list with a set of criteria for the referenced items.

21. (Currently Amended) The media of Claim 20, wherein when an item has a property change such that it meets or no longer meets the criteria of the dynamic list, the permission to access the item is correspondingly added or removed.

22. (Original) The media of Claim 17, wherein when access to an item is unavailable, a notification is provided.

23. (Original) The media of Claim 17, wherein the access to the items may be limited to be one of read/write or read only.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating between a sharer of a list and a sharee comprising:

receiving from the sharee a call for accessing on a computer of the sharer items that are referenced on the list, wherein the list is based on the results of a query executed on the sharer's computer, referenced in one or more virtual folders on the sharer's computer, and-stored on the

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sharer's computer, and determined by the sharer's computer to be shared in a sharing format, wherein the sharing format is one of a static list format and a dynamic list format; and

responsive to authorization received from the sharer, providing the sharee access to the items in the determined sharing format; and

wherein the one or more virtual folders are configured to be manipulated by an action of at least the sharer, said manipulation is at least one of dragging, copying, and pasting.

25. (Original) The method of Claim 24, wherein the list is a static list.
26. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 25, wherein as items are added or removed from the list, the access to the items is correspondingly allowed or denied.
27. (Original) The method of Claim 24, wherein the list is a dynamic list with a set of criteria for the items.
28. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 27, wherein as the properties of items change such that the items meet or no longer meet the criteria for the dynamic list, the items are correspondingly added or removed from the list.
29. (Original) The method of Claim 24, wherein when access may be unavailable to an item that is on the list when the list is shared, a notification is provided to the sharer.
30. (Original) The method of Claim 24, wherein the sharer is able to limit the type of access to the items.
31. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media for enabling a sharer to share a set of items that are referenced on a list with a sharee comprising:

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a set of computer-usable instructions that allow the sharee to access the items directly through the sharer's computer,

wherein the set of item referenced on the list are based on the results of a query executed on the sharer's computer, and wherein the list comprises an order of the items referenced on the list, the list is referenced in one or more virtual folders on the sharer's computer, the list is determined by the sharer's computer to be shared to the sharee in a sharing format, the sharing format being one of a static list format and a dynamic list format, and the one or more virtual folders are configured to be manipulated by an action of at least the sharer, said manipulation is at least one of dragging, copying, and pasting.

32. (Previously Presented) The media of Claim 31, wherein the list is one of a static list and a dynamic list.

33. (Previously Presented) The media of Claim 31, wherein as items are added or removed from the list, the sharee's permission to access the items is correspondingly added or removed.

34. (Original) The media of Claim 31, wherein when the sharer attempts to provide access to an item for which access may not be available, a notification is provided to the sharer that the sharee may not be able to access the item.

35. (Original) The media of Claim 31, wherein the type of access that is provided to the items may be one of read or read-write.

36. (Currently Amended) A method for sharing items in a computer system between a sharer and a sharee comprising:

executing on the sharer's computer a query comprising a scope and a criteria;

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creating on the sharer's computer a one or more virtual folders with a plurality of referenced items based on the results of said query; and

determining the sharing format of the list to be shared to the sharee, wherein the sharing format is one of a static list and a dynamic list;

sharing the one or more virtual folders with a sharee such that the sharee is provided with access to the referenced items from the sharer's computer in the determined sharing format; and

wherein the one or more virtual folders are configured to be manipulated by an action of at least the sharer, said manipulation is at least one of dragging, copying, and pasting.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 36, wherein the virtual folder is a static virtual folder.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 37, wherein when the sharer removes items from the virtual folder, the sharee is no longer provided with access to the items.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 37, wherein when items are added to the virtual folder, the sharee is provided with access to the added items.

40. (Original) The method of Claim 36, wherein the virtual folder is a dynamic virtual folder with a scope and set of criteria for the referenced items.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 40, wherein when an item that is in the dynamic virtual folder has a property change such that it no longer meets the criteria of the dynamic virtual folder, the sharee is no longer provided with access to the item.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 40, wherein when an item that was not previously on the dynamic virtual folder has a property change such that it meets the criteria of the dynamic virtual folder, the sharee is provided with access to the item.

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43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the creating step comprises defining within the list an order of the plurality of referenced items.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the creating step comprises defining within the list an annotation corresponding to at least one of the plurality of referenced items.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the list comprises a predefined order of the referenced items.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the list comprises an annotation corresponding to at least one of the referenced items.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the list comprises a predefined order of the referenced items.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the list comprises an annotation corresponding to at least one of the referenced items.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the sharee is provided with remote access to the referenced items from another computer.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein accessing the list and the referenced items is performed remotely from another computer.

51. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein the request to provide access comprises a request to provide remote access from another computer.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein providing the sharee access to the items comprises providing the sharee remote access to the items.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the receiving step comprises receiving the call via an API.

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54. (Previously Presented) The one or more computer readable media of claim 31, wherein the set of computer-usable instructions allow the sharee to remotely access the items.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein in the sharing step the sharee is provided with remote access to the referenced items.